

stability

about making that shift into the world after high school is daunting and alarming. No longer will he have someone telling him what the next obvious step is. It used to be first elementary school, then middle, then high school. No longer will he have the stability of knowing that for five out of the seven days of the week, he will be in class. No longer will someone tell him the right choice to make. From graduation on out, it's a confusion of unending choices and, unless he has a crystal ball, never will he know how his choice is going to affect his life.

But an even more present worry evades this current student body. For most seniors, this is their last year of high school. But then the unexpected happens, and as a result of the No Child Left Behind Act, not just anyone will be gaining admittance into the next stage of life. The shaking reality shatters the stability that some have felt was inalienably theirs.

Not passing the TAKS means not passing the principal on your way down the other side of the graduation stage. Suddenly, the confidence that you feel begins to lessen as you realize that your facade of stability has just been shattered by these realities. So

you question yourself, has anything ever been stable, ever been for sure?

Of course it has. In its own unrelenting way, the stability of your experience now may or may not have a new face. In the future you can always count on that just as the newcomer to this campus finds her niche in the pyramid of high school, so will all of us as we move from one stage of life to the next.

For now, Willard crosses the threshold into Jodele Philip's English IV class and settles himself into his chair as he prepares for this event in the sequence of his life. Taking his seat near the window, Willard reunites with those people he remembers from as far back as kindergarten. These faces will become his peers in his last leg of this high school journey. Together, but independently they will share football victories and losses, morning pep rallies, and TAKS testing rooms.

Together, from freshmen to seniors, one element will bring all together, and that is the unquenchable thirst to find where you belong and have that place be a place of stability.



With strength swimmer Russell Klamkowski pulls the water during his first swim meet. Klamkowski participated in the 200 individual medley, 100 backstroke and 400 relay. Photo by Sergio Ramirez

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Theme basics

Developing a theme idea throughout the yearbook not only helps to unify the book, but also adds a special dimension of involvement for readers.

Consider the following questions as guidelines while working on a theme.

- Does it make sense, considering the events, activities and issues of the year?
- Is there a catchphrase that students will be able to relate to and understand?
- Is there a unifying concept to tie the events of the year together?
- Does it allow for both verbal and visual development?
- Does it show a fresh, contemporary approach?
- Where are effective places to develop a theme?

- **Cover** Theme catchphrase may be actually stated, but at least the cover sets up the mood or tone reflected in the theme.
- **Endsheets** Promotes unifying idea, either with color choice or through use of headlines, copy, photos, artwork, captions or graphics.
- **Title page** Content and design reflects theme idea. Title of book is most important type element and includes year, volume number, school name and complete address, including ZIP code. Many schools also include school enrollment and telephone number.

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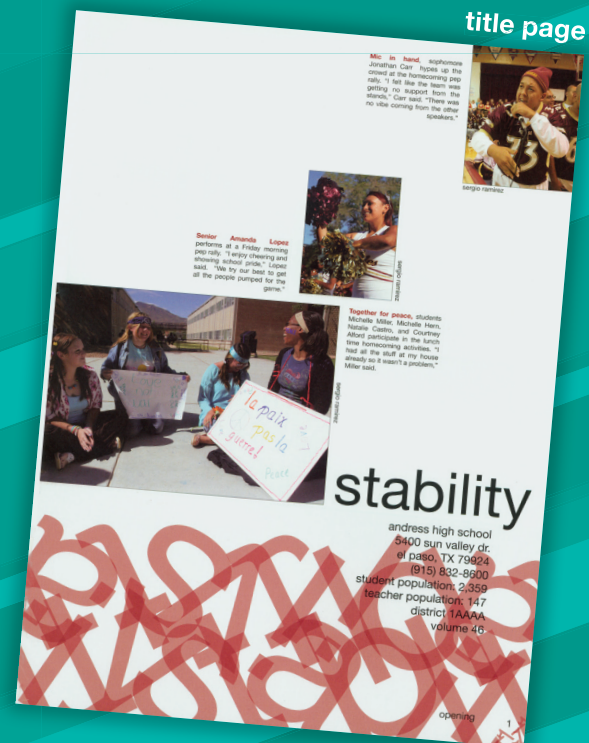
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Started by the constant but familiar vibration in her back pocket, senior Samantha Aofia pulls out her flip phone with a plucky sigh for what seems like the 1,000th time this session, already aware of the subject matter of the conversation about to unfold.

With genuine regret but true firmness, Aofia presses the "send" button and is once again forced to cancel plans with her friends, next time her family, for, after school practice. She pushes these thoughts, as well as the thought of the sizey pile of pre-calculus homework, to the back of her mind, slinging her bag higher over her shoulder, and opens the door to the girls' locker room.

The thought of coach Debraña De La Cruz's last words prove the strongest of all as Aofia runs endless numbers of drills and final pushes for the last lap around the basketball court. She's been trained and conditioned after weeks, months, years of practices to know that her motivation and dedication will pay off on that court. Besides that small part of her, growing more and more fearful as the game ages, Chapin draws near, admits that pride is the cause of some of her fear. It's this feeling as well as the sturdy support from her family that keeps her awake and aware to go back to the grindstone and tackle academics.

She runs like a well-oiled machine: disciplined, efficient, stable in all aspects of her life. It's the notion of a completely new environment as college draws near that reminds Aofia of the stability and self-control required from her to bear her sacrifices, the early mornings and late nights, for her teammates and to meet the personal goals she's set.

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In order to pass the ball, senior Samantha Aolia jumps over her opponent in order to complete the play. Varsity basketball completed the season as a top team in the district.



Facing his competitor senior Patrick Ofeclar plans his strategy to beat him. Ofeclar has been in wrestling since his freshman year and has been a consistent winner.

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